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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): MILLIGAN et al.

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Application No.: 09/919,699

Examiner: NGUYEN, L.S.

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Group Art Unit: 2853

Title: FLUID EJECTING DEVICE WITH FLUID FEED SLOT

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- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
() No additional fee
(X) Other: Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (fee \$)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

These comments relate to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance, mailed June 10, 2004.

COMMENTS

Applicants agree with the Office's conclusion that the allowed claims are patentable. However, Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce in the reasons for allowance as set forth in the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowability or reasons stated in earlier Office Actions. Applicants respectfully submit that the allowed claims are allowable at least because the prior art does not anticipate, teach, suggest, or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

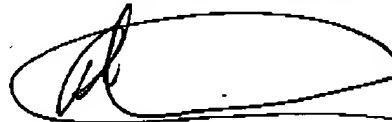
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Applicants respectfully submit that the patentability of claims stems from the respective combinations of elements defined by the claims, each viewed as a whole, rather than the presence of any particular elements in those combinations. Applicant thus relies on the claims, as drafted, without any limitations which may follow from the characterization of the claims in the Examiner's statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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